

Treasury Department

May 25th 1854

Sir,

My own letter of the 23rd has been received, in which you state that sundry errors are found in the copy of your letter given in the printed report of the proceedings of the Board of Supervising Inspectors. Inquiry will be made of the Secretary of the Board how these errors occurred, and Dr Smith will be notified of them in order that he be not misled in the inquiries he is making respecting fireable alloys.

In your letter you further state that only one of the Safety Guards sent to you by Mr Evans is provided with a chain and weight, and that the alloys will have to be made to suit such form and weight as he may recommend.

It may not be amiss to mention that the impression in this Department, is, that the resolution of the Board does not ~~immediately~~ require the use of the chain and weight, but simply of the fireable alloy in the manner which Mr Evans has patented. So used, it will serve as an "alarm" rather than a "safety guard", but thus is all the resolution appears to require.

To J. C. Booth Esq

U. S. Mint. Philade

Very Respectfully
J. G. Marking as father

Sec. of Treasury.

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May 2nd
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